

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, between lines 2 and 20 with the following amended paragraph:

The variation functionally equivalent includes, not only human variations of the polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or rat variations of the polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, but also variations functionally equivalent derived from organisms other than a human or a rat (such as a mouse, a hamster, or a dog), and further, polypeptides obtained by artificially modifying these native polypeptides (i.e., human or rat variations, or variations functionally equivalent derived from organisms other than a human or a rat) or the polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or ~~4~~6 by genetic engineering techniques, so long as the above definition of the variation functionally equivalent is met. The term "variation" as used herein means an individual difference between the same polypeptides in the same species or a difference between homologous polypeptides in several species.